THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The following amounts were received as loans/credits from USA and USSR during the last three years.

(*Amount in Rs. crores*)

	USA (Loans)	USSR (Credits)
1982-83 . . .	67.4	Nil
1983-84 . . .	77.0	144.6
1984-85 . . .	93.9	Nil

Another credit of about Rs. 1100 crores was given by the Government of USSR in May, 1985. All assistance received from U.K. Since 1975 has been in the form of grants.

Assistance from USA was received for projects in the Irrigation, Health, Family Welfare and Social Forestry sectors. The credit from USSR in 1983-84 was for the Vizag Steel Projects (stage II) and the credit given by USSR in May, 1985 is for financing the cost of Soviet goods and services in respect of projects in the Power, Oil and Coal Sectors.

(c) Loan agreements are entered into with the donor countries after bilateral negotiations. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the amount of loans that would become available during the rest of the current financial year and in the next year.

Action for public sector banks

2471. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any action plans for the Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the formulation of the said plan;

(d) how far the same has been implemented by various banks in the country; and

(e) what steps Government have initiated for banks for its total implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (e) In the year 1985, Finance Minister has already taken two meetings with the Chief Executives of public sector banks at New Delhi on 28-5-1985 and 17-7-1985. With a view to improve the working of the banks it was decided in the above meetings that banks should introduce modern tools of management including computers in a planned manner to improve the speed and quality of their services. Chief Executives of the banks were also advised to enforce discipline to improve quality of man power. Orderly house-keeping, particularly balancing of books of accounts and reconciliation of inter-branch and inter-bank transactions were also identified as areas for concerted action. In the meeting held on 17-7-1985, Finance Minister reviewed performance of each bank in terms of profitability, priority sector lending, direct finance to agriculture, lending to weaker sections, recovery of direct agricultural advances and other dues against norms and averages for the banking system as a whole. Chief Executives of public sector banks were asked by the Finance Minister to tone up their customer service and create an effective machinery for redressal of grievances of the customers. The banks were also advised to draw up a definite plan for attaining of targets by removing shortfalls if any in their performance.

Follow-up action is being taken on the various decisions.

Appointment of Directors/Chairmen of Nationalised Banks

2472. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint non-official Directors/Managing Directors/Chairmen in some of the Nationalised banks;

(b) if so, when such appointments/nominations are likely to be made;

(c) how many such non-officials have been appointed|promoted during 1981 to 1985;

(d) what are the criteria adopted for the appointment to the above posts; and

(e) what are the duties and functions of the Directors|Managing Directors and Chairmen of nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. As on date, no nationalised bank is without a Chairman & Managing Director. The process of selecting suitable persons for filling up the vacancies of non-official directors on the boards of nationalised banks is under way.

(c) and (d) Year-wise break-up of number of non-official directors appointed on the Boards of nationalised banks during the period from 1981 to 1985 is given below:—

Year	No. of non-official directors
1981	..
1982	159
1983	1
1984	8
1985	..

Appointment of non-official directors on the boards of nationalised banks is made in accordance with the criteria for selection and procedure laid down under clause 3 of Nationalised Banks (Management & Miscellaneous Provisions) Schemes, 1970 and 1980.

(e) Chairmen and Managing Directors of nationalised banks are required to function in terms of the provisions of the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Schemes, 1970 and 1980 and their duties *inter-alia* include, presiding over the meetings of the Board, exercise such powers and discharge such duties as may be delegated to them by the Board and devote their whole-time to the affairs of nationalised banks.

In terms of Sections 7(2) of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and 1980, the general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs and business of a nationalised bank vest in the Board of Directors. As members of the Board of Directors, the non-official Directors also have to share the collective responsibility of directing the affairs of respective nationalised banks.

Tax arrears of film stars

2473. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether regular raids are conducted in the houses of defaulting film stars to realise tax arrears; and

(b) what are the names of the defaulting film stars (male and female) along with their tax liabilities at present and what action has been taken to realise the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) When any specific information about tax evasion is received, appropriate action is taken under relevant Direct Taxes Act.

(b) The names of film personalities against whom Income-tax demands exceeding Rs. 1 lakh were outstanding as on 31.3.1985 are given in the annexed statement, along with the demands outstanding. However, no demand of Wealth-tax was outstanding against such persons as on 31.3.1985.

Depending upon the facts and circumstances of each case, appropriate steps are taken from time to time by the concerned authority for recovery of the outstanding demand. These steps include *inter-alia:* requesting the Appellate Authorities for expeditious disposal of the pending appeals and also resorting to proceedings under sections 226(3) and 179 of the Income-tax Act and attachment of movable and immovable property after issuing the recovery certificates to the Tax Recovery Officer under section 222 of the Income-tax Act.